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# Memorandum

*To: Commission Members*  
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## CLUP Revision – Chapter 4 Development – Public Facilities and Services April 2007 Commission Meeting

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**CLUP Progress to Date:** To reiterate portions of our discussions from the recent Commission meetings, we are in the process of revising the Commission's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (last revised in 1997) which provides the basis in policy for the Commission's rules. We began the process of updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2004 and have done a substantial amount of work since that time. We have hosted numerous panels on a variety of topics including: nature-based tourism, current and future challenges facing nature-based recreation industries, regional planning for coastal islands, wind energy resources, consumptive water use, forest resources and land ownership, conservation easements, facilities and services provided to the unorganized territories, and economic development. In addition, guest speakers have addressed the Commission on topics such as: wildlife and fisheries resources, the 1990 lake management program, historical and cultural resources, natural areas in the jurisdiction, aquatic invasive species, and others.

Based on the information provided by the panel discussions, guest speakers, and staff research efforts, the staff has developed and presented to the Commission preliminary drafts of the following chapters:

- Draft Chapter 1 Vision, Goals and Policies;
- Draft Chapter 2 About the Commission;
- Draft Chapter 3 About the Jurisdiction;
- Draft Chapter 5 Natural Resources including subchapters on
  - Agricultural Resources, Air Resources, Coastal Resources, Cultural Archaeological and Historical Resources, Energy Resources, Forest Resources, Geological Resources, Plant and Animal Habitat, Recreational Resources, Scenic Resources, Water Resources, and Wetland Resources.

**Current Staff Efforts and Today's Presentation:** Over the last several months, the staff has been working diligently to research and gather data for Chapter 4, the Development Chapter. Chapter 4 discusses trends in transportation, residential development, public facilities and services, and commercial development. It further evaluates whether existing patterns of development are consistent with the Commission's broad goals, and recommends refinements to the Commission's approach.

At last month's meeting, we presented trends in non-residential development. **At the April meeting, we will continue presenting trends and patterns identified from our research, specifically trends in public facilities and services** We will continue our conversation about development trends and patterns in the months to come, including discussion of refinements to the Commission's approach.

**Remaining Tasks and General Timeline:**

*Continue to Present Chapter 4 Information to the Commission*

Over the next month or two, we will present the remaining information related to Chapter 4, including a discussion on identified issues.

*Complete Preliminary Draft of CLUP*

As discussion of the data and trends proceeds, we will be working to generate a preliminary draft of Chapter 4.

*Public Workshops:*

Once we have a preliminary draft of the entire Plan, we will hold public workshops and meet with interested parties to gather comments. By having preliminary drafts for interested parties to react to, we hope to focus the dialogue at these sessions. The drafts are intended to serve as a starting point for discussion, but the workshops will be structured so as to promote active discussion of important issues facing the jurisdiction. The purpose of the public workshops is to gather substantive public input before finalizing drafts for formal public hearings. The timing of the public workshops is not yet known, but will follow completion of the first draft. We are hopeful that workshops will begin by the summer of 2007.

*Public Hearing:*

Once we have revised drafts based on feedback received during workshops and meetings with interested parties, we will proceed with the formal public hearing process. The timing of the public hearing will depend on the timing of events outlined above, however, we hope for hearings in the fall of 2007.

We look forward to seeing you at the April Commission meeting and continuing our discussion of development trends.

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